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Division. They believe that that would be necessary because they would have to have an investigator assigned at least on a part-time basis to administer the additional scope of practice for EMTs. They're anticipating that they would receive...they're not sure what volume, but they would receive some complaints of EMTIs or paramedics acting outside the scope of their practice in the hospital, and each one of those reports or perhaps allegations would have to be investigated so the A bill calls for an allocation of those costs...to defray those costs in the Department of Health and Human Services. There is an...there is an amendment that reduces the cost, and I'd be happy to discuss that, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on LB 1033A, Mr. Clerk, the amendment to that bill.

CLERK: Senator Wickersham, AM3613. (Legislative Journal page 1488.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open on AM3613 to LB 1033A.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This reduces the first year cost to \$8,104 from \$16,152. The Department of Health and Human Services was very cooperative once we pointed out to them that there was no possibility that there would be any investigations any time before January of next year because in order to implement LB 1033, it's necessary to change rules and regulations and, in fact, then employ persons in those positions. So they were...we were able to suggest to them that because they could not possibly have anything to investigate before sometime in January of next year, that it wasn't appropriate to take a full year's cost in the A bill. So they have agreed and have reduced the first year appropriation to \$8,104. That is the amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You've heard the opening on AM3613 offered by Senator Wickersham to LB 1033A. Open for discussion on that amendment. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Senator Wickersham. Senator Wickersham waives closing on AM3613. The question before the body is, shall AM3613 be